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Sir:

Applicant herewith cites the prior art cited on the enclosed  
Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B which may be material to the patentability  
of the application.

A copy of each of the items of prior art identified in the  
enclosed Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B are enclosed, including English  
translations of the Notice of Opposition and DE 199 12 149 A1, and  
an English abstract of DE 197 28 796.

With the exception DE 197 28 796, the prior art cited herein  
was cited in said Notice of Opposition filed in Germany against the  
German Application No. 100 57 294.4 upon which priority has been  
claimed in the present application under 35 USC§119.

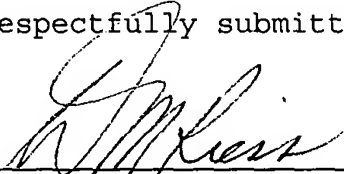
DE 197 28 796 and DE 199 12 149 were cited in the examination  
of the German priority application.

In accordance with MPEP §§609 and 707.05(b) it is requested  
that each document cited be given thorough consideration, and that  
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application and the patent to issue on the present application by initialing on the Form PTO/SB/08A and 08B.

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